

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday November 3rd, 2024

News from the IRTS

The next IRTS Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 13th at 8:00 p.m. on the Zoom platform. All IRTS affiliated clubs are reminded that under Rule 16.1, the members in each affiliated club or, society may elect a representative and an alternate annually to attend IRTS Committee meetings. Clubs wishing to send a representative should notify the IRTS Secretary, Owen EI4GGB at [irts_secretary /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_secretary@irts.ie) in advance to ensure notification and links are provided.

The next HAREC examination will be held on the 16th of November 2024. It will take place in the Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport, Stockhole Lane, Clonshagh, County Dublin, K67 X3H5. Doors will open from 10.30 a.m. for registration and the exam itself will commence at 11 a.m. sharp. The exam is two hours long and finishes at 1 p.m.

The closing date for applications is next Thursday the 7th of November. Due to a limited number of places, anyone wishing to sit the exam should forward their application along with the appropriate fee. The application form and the payment details can be found at www.irts.ie/exams You can contact the IRTS Examination Board by email at [irts_exams /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_exams@irts.ie) if you have any queries about this.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC

Everyone in the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC would like to wish all the candidates sitting the HAREC exam in Dublin on Saturday, November 16th the very best of luck in the exam. They hope to hear all of you on the airwaves very soon. The November meeting of the EI2WRC group will take place on Monday, November 25th at 8 p.m. sharp at the South East Technological University. Netlabs Research and Innovation Building, SETU West Campus, Carriganore, Waterford. Eircode X91 WR86. Anyone that has an interest in amateur radio or communications in general is very welcome to come along. SWLs are in particular very welcome to attend.

It's that time of the year again and in the great tradition of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group, they are currently planning their annual Christmas party night. Every year, the Christmas party is an excellent finish to the year, and this year is no different after having been another very successful one for the club. This year's event will take place on Saturday, December 7th at 6.30 p.m. at the Marina Hotel, Canada Street, Waterford, Eircode X91 PK2W. Dinner tickets must be prebooked and tickets cost 35 euro per person. For more information or to book a dinner ticket, please get in contact with Edwin EI2HEB at QTHR

as soon as possible please.

For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details please see www.searg.ie

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network AGM

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network will hold their AGM at their next monthly meeting on Wednesday evening the 6th of November at 9.00 p.m. in the Breaffy House Hotel, Breaffy, Co. Mayo. Along with other business, they will discuss the time and date for their Christmas get together and meal on the same night.

MREN meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 9 p.m. unless there are circumstances outside their control, then updates are given on the club's WhatsApp page.

The club holds a chat and net on the local Mayo repeater every Wednesday night at 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in if you can access the Mayo repeater.

Cork Radio Club

Cork Radio Club's in-person meetings will resume tomorrow, Monday the 4th of November at 8 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Community Centre, Main Street, Carrigtwohill, County Cork, Eircode T45 X3N1. It is important that previous members and intending members attend this meeting which will determine the future direction of Cork Radio Club.

The current club officers and committee have all exceeded their time limit as officers and will have to be replaced at an upcoming Annual General Meeting. Enquiries are invited via email to [info /at/ corkradioclub.ie](mailto:info@at/corkradioclub.ie) or by phoning 087 6290574.

National Shortwave Listeners Club Class Hotel

The next HAREC course, Class Hotel, will commence next Thursday, the 7th of November 2024. The course will then take place every Thursday via Zoom concluding on the 8th of May 2025. To enrol, visit swl.ie and join the National Shortwave Listeners Club.

Membership is free for current IRTS members. Further details can be found at www.swl.ie

VHF/Microwave News

Damien EI7LF, Crevan EI3JWB, and Jim EI2HJB from the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society host a VHF/UHF net every Wednesday evening from 7.30 p.m. This takes place before the weekly northeast region IRTS news at 8 p.m. via the club's repeater network EI2CCR, EI2MOG, EI7DKD, and Echolink. Call-ins and SWL reports are more than welcome.

On Wednesday nights from 8 p.m. as well, you are welcome to join a six-metre net taking place on 50.180MHz.

A 2m FM simplex net runs each Thursday night from 8 p.m. on 145.200MHz. All are welcome to call in to the nets.

For meteor scatter fans, the Leonids meteor shower will start to occur from November the 6th until the end of the month. Associated with Comet Tempel-Tuttle, they are typically fast bright meteors with fine trains. QSOs using this mode require patience and luck. To maximise chances of success, operators coordinate their QSO attempts using a chat facility available at www.on4kst.com

Amateur satellite operators may be saddened to hear that the satellites XW-2B, 2C, and 2D are nearing re-entry into the atmosphere. The three identical Chinese micro-satellites used for atmospheric physics experiments and amateur radio missions were launched in 2015. In the next few weeks, they will cease to exist after nine years in orbit when they make a fiery return to Earth. This may be welcome news to some terrestrial operators world-wide though. Satellite XW-2C in particular has been transmitting what appears to be abnormal sweep-like signals on some terrestrial VHF repeater output frequencies for several years.

Shannon Basin Radio Club SSB DX Nets

Shannon Basin Radio Club's topband SSB DX net recommenced on Thursday night last with a large turnout enabling operators to test different transmit and receive antenna configurations. The nets will now alternate between topband and 80m each Thursday night. Their 80m SSB DX net takes place next Thursday night from 9 p.m. on 3.775MHz plus or minus QRM. All are very welcome to join in including SWLs.

The club wishes the very best to all those sitting the upcoming HAREC exam and look forward to hearing the new callsigns on the air soon. Further information about the club's activities may be found at www.sbrc.ie or via their social media channels.

Contest News

The results of the 80m counties contest have been published on the IRTS website. Twenty-one logs were submitted, and eighteen counties were logged in total. Well done to the winners and everyone who took part.

Contest manager Mark EI6JK is very willing to help anyone with logging programs for contests anytime. You can contact him via email at [contestmanager /at/ irts.ie](mailto:contestmanager/at/irts.ie).

The next UKEICC 2024-25 80m contest is on Wednesday the 6th of November 2024 at 20:00 UTC using SSB. The EI5G bonus station will be operated by Patrick EI9KA and the GW5GEI bonus station will be operated by Stew GW0ETF.

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to newsteam /at/ irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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